

A classic shuffle is the motor-voter bill, an unfunded mandate estimated to cost States some \$58 million.

Mr. Speaker, it will cost my State, Nebraska, over \$700,000 to recruit more people to get registered on the voting files in a State which already has one of the highest voter registration rates in the Nation. It is time to pull Congress' dance cards and put an end to Federal unfunded mandates. H.R. 5 will do this. I urge my colleagues to support this and make sure we no longer have to live under the unfunded mandates that the Congress continues to send.

FALLOUT FROM INCREASED INTEREST RATES

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, a new Federal policy brokered in secret, adopted without a single hearing, a single open public meeting and no vote.

A policy that will:

Increase this year's deficit by \$2.5 billion?

Increase the cost of a mortgage on a \$100,000 house by more than \$500 a year—that makes a mockery of the puny income tax cuts we are talking about here.

Drive up the cost of everything bought on credit—from automobiles to winter clothes for the kids.

This is a policy specifically intended to drive up the rate of unemployment toward a target of 6 percent—that means 3½ million more Americans out of work than under the old target of 4 percent.

Is this a new abuse heaped upon the American people by an insulated and arrogant Congress? No, this policy will be foisted on the American public by the secretive, arrogant, and insulated Federal Reserve Board, a small group of powerful bankers and economists who believe their control over our money supply is to be used to serve their friends and masters from Wall Street, not Main Street America.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to stop Alan Greenspan and his cronies before they kill the economy again.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AND AVIATION TRUST FUND

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, we Republicans quite properly emphasize our Contract With America. But our original Contract With America was signed in 1956, when President Eisenhower and the Congress created the Interstate Highway System and created the highway trust fund. This was a contract between the American traveling public and the Federal Government. The gas tax went into the highway trust fund solely to build highways. Later the air-

line ticket tax went into the aviation trust fund to help build airports.

But, Mr. Speaker, we have broken that contract. We shamelessly used the money dedicated for highway construction to hide the true size of the Federal Government deficit, which is dishonest and unethical. Three times in the past Republicans in this House voted overwhelmingly to remove these trust funds from the general trust fund budget, but we did not have a majority.

Now is the time to renew our 39-year-old Contract With America. Now is the time to take the transportation trust funds out of the general fund budget. This is a truth-in-budgeting issue. And truth, after all, is what contracts are all about.

FORTY YEARS

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, during the past few weeks we have heard our colleagues on the other side of the aisle talk about dismantling many of the programs that Democrats formed during our 40-year service as the majority party.

I know some of my friends on this side do not want to hear this, but during the past 40 years, when Democrats controlled the House, programs were enacted that helped millions of people. A few examples on this long list include: the GI bill, Medicare, Medicaid, civil rights legislation, improved minimum wage standards so people can work and get off welfare, and student financial aid. When the other side discusses, with some disdain, about the Democrats' 40-year rule, remember, some great things did happen.

Today, on February 1, 1995, I would like to highlight a special day commemorating something that happened 40 years ago today: My wife, Laurie Olsen, was born. Today is Laurie's 40th birthday, and as she and I, along with her parents, Ken and Elaine Olsen, our sons, and many of our friends celebrate her first birthday under a Republican controlled Congress, let us not forget many of the important programs enacted during Laurie's first 40 years that have helped the American people.

Mr. Speaker, happy 40th birthday, Laurie.

CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY COMMISSION: MOST SNOW BOARDING INJURIES RESULT FROM FALLING

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, those of us from the ski country, U.S.A. can rest a little easier right now because the U.S. Government is on the job. The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission has just released a report which concludes that most snow boarding accidents result from falling.

Wow. That is deep, Mr. Speaker. You put someone on a board, strap his feet to a board, put him on a slippery slope and let him go down the hill at 55 to 60 miles an hour and they might get hurt—but only if they fall.

This Christmas, Anna in my office tore up both knees skiing, and we have no idea how it happened or what caused it. Absolutely no idea.

Well, I am going to go back to her and I am going to tell her, "Anna, we figured it out, the Government helped. You hurt your knees because you fell."

Mr. Speaker, Americans are tired of Federal nursemaids wasting their money and insulting their intelligence. If I may quote my friend, Mr. TRAFICANT, "Unbelievable."

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THE FOREIGN AID PACKAGE THAT WOULD NOT DIE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the administration announced yesterday that, because Congress was not acting quickly enough to throw good money after bad down that black hole that is the Mexican economy, it has used unprecedented Executive authority to extend billions of our taxpayers' money to bail out the Mexican peso and the Wall Street speculators who invested there without a vote of Congress. The last time Mexico devalued its currency was in 1988, just around the time of the Presidential election. Before that, Mexico devalued in 1982, again just around the time of the Presidential election, and now they did it again just after the Presidential election of 1994.

I say to my colleagues, "Some would like you to think that using Treasury's power to prop up the peso was a temporary fix, but they are wrong. This is not a currency problem. It is a problem of continuing mismanagement at the highest levels inside an emerging undemocratic country. The false security of Mexican oil is an illusion, too. That's already been pledged to past debts. If you're outraged like I am, come to room 2247 this afternoon, Members of Congress. Let's get the administration on the right track for a change."

WHAT ABOUT THE ELECTIONS?

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, U.S. military occupation of Haiti continues, but mandate of the Haitian Parliament will end. The time line for new parliamentary elections has already slipped from last December to perhaps sometime in May. I ask, "But how can you build a democracy without a parliament, without a legislative branch,